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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 0919

E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: WHO, KN, KS

REF: STATE 82449, 65086

1. DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND  
OLDENBURG, WHO LEFT TODAY FOR LONDON, I TOOK UP  
QUESTION OF NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP  
WITH THORNING- PETERSEN, MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR UN  
AND ASIAN AFFAIRS. I REVIEWED POINTS SET FORTH IN  
REFTELS AND LEFT WITH HIM AN INFORMAL NON- PAPER BASED  
ON SAME MATERIAL FOR MFA CONSIDERATION.

2. THORNING- PETERSEN CALLED ATTENTION TO DENMARK'S  
WELL- KNOWN VIEWS ON UNIVERSALITY OF MEMBERSHIP IN UN  
ORGANS AND DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING POLITICAL ISSUES  
OUT OF TECHNICAL AGENCIES SUCH AS WHO. HE APPEARED  
TO RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT ADMISSION OF DPRK TO UN  
BODIES WAS ESSENTIALLY A POLITICAL ISSUE, WHICH MIGHT  
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BETTER BE HANDLED IN ONE OF UN'S POLITICAL ORGANS.

3. ALTHOUGH THORNING-PETERSEN WAS NOT ENTIRELY NEGATIVE TOWARD US ARGUMENTATION ABOUT POSTPONING VOTE ON NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP, HE MENTIONED THAT VOTE WOULD PROBABLY COME UP WHILE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER WAS IN PEKING. THIS, HE BELIEVED, MIGHT CAUSE ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS EVEN IF DANES WERE OTHERWISE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OR ABSTAIN ON MOTION TO POSTPONE.

4. POSSIBLE STRAW IN THE WIND WITH REFERENCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN'S OWN ATTITUDE ON THIS ISSUE MAY BE FOUND IN SPEECH HE GAVE TO YOUNG SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ON MAY 1. MINISTER REPORTEDLY SAID THAT DENMARK WILL VERY SHORTLY APPROACH GOVERNMENT OF NORTH KOREA CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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